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This attempt at a "newsletter" is being sent to former pupils of the 1963 intake to Drayton Manor Grammar School that I've renewed links with.

Please feel free to distribute copies to other former Draytonians that you may be in contact with.

Reunion 2003

I have to repeat my apologies from last time for the tardiness in the appearance of a new edition of this **DMGS'63** "newsletter". More on that anon. In the meantime, let us record yet another splendid weekend in July 2003 when **John** and **Norma Winnert** played host to a gang of reprobates from **Drayton Manor Grammar School**. Some of last year's attendees were unable to be there this time, but we had some "new" old faces join the gathering. This year's trans-Atlantic visitor was **David Carpenter**, able to combine a trip from Canada to see his relatives with meeting up with dropping in on the Saturday to meet up with us.

John W repeated the success of last year by ensuring there wasn't a cloud in the sky, and after a pleasant bring-and-share lunch and afternoon of reminiscing, it was off to the pub for an evening meal, suitable quantities of alcohol and more chat to round off the day. Sunday saw the "traditional" walk in the Forest – timed expertly by John to bring us back to the pub on the dot of opening time. And after more relaxing and conversation, we made our respective ways home.

Did anyone take any photos in 2003? If you did and are willing to share them, please drop me a line at my above address.

The DMGS'63 Web Site

Perhaps you tried to e-mail photographs after the reunion? We've had a few problems with the web site. I moved it to a new server in August, notably a problem with e-mail, but also some other changes needed to be made - I'd forgotten some of the things I had to configure when I originally set the site up...

Is it lines or detention for this misdemeanor?

Not realising the problems, I then went on holiday – a tour of the natural wonders of the American South-West followed by 4 days in the unnatural wonders of Las Vegas.

I have now corrected most of the problems with the web site. However the e-mail address to use to contact me is now **dmgs63@ajpinternet.com** – please ensure your address books are updated. Please also take the opportunity to re-visit **www.dmgs63.org.uk** and leave a message on the Message Board.

I aim to add a few more bits to the site in the coming weeks. Don't forget if you come across any memento from your days at Drayton Manor and think it might interest/amuse people – get in touch!

Reunion 2004

Hopefully you will already have received a note from John Winnert advising of the dates for the next DMGS'63 Reunion –

10th-12th September.

You'll find more information on the web site under the 'Reunions' section. If you want more details – get in touch.

Don't forget – this is **not** an exclusive event. Any former Draytonian from whatever year is welcome. (Wonder if there's any chance of **Rick Wakeman** dropping in? Did anyone see him the other night on "**Have I Got News For You?**")

I suppose there's always a chance that one of our former teachers might turn up?

Compliments of the season

I think that's all I can come up with for the moment. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Keep in touch!

Allan Palmer

P.S. You may leave early on the last day of term
But no running in the corridors!

DMGS '63 – an informal and irregular newsletter

This newsletter is being sent by e-mail directly to:
Allan Taylor, Bernice Clare, Brenda McCraith, Christine King, Craig Boxshall, Dave Barker, Dave Hutchinson, David Butcher, David Carpenter, Derek Elliot, Diane Loader, Evan Griffiths, Ged Nolan, Graham Morris, Graham Reynolds, Jane Barker, Janet Rogers, Janice Holley, Joan Beattie, Joe Jakubowski, John Blackwell, John McConnell, John McGreal, John Winnert, John Wyatt, Len Shilling, Les Redford, Linda Wheeler, Linda McCaig, Lindsay Churchill, Liz Cowell, Margaret Bromley, Mick Beattie, Norman Brown, Patrick Lau, Paul Curtis, Peter Durrans, Peter Lockett, Phil Slade, Ruth Davey, Steve Hinton, Steve Whittaker, Sue Brown, Sue Grimes, Tim Dean, Tony Ryan, Valerie Brind, Victor Lipko

I will also check through the Friends Reunited list to see if there are others to contact.

Please feel free to pass this missive onto any ex-Draytonian you may be in contact with.